

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

With a Master's degree in Communications and as a volunteer at a local community radio station I am convinced that one of the best ways to protect citizens' First Amendment rights is to ensure diversity of media ownership. "Ownership" of media is inextricably tied to the recognition that management of the media involves a public trust. The public entrusts it's First Amendment rights to media outlets to manage our shared resource. Once we lose sight of this concept, the media becomes the servant of a powerful elite, hardly democratic! The cable ownership cap must be maintained!